

HAYS ACTS TO SPEED MAIL SERVICE HERE

Patton and Postmasters of
Other Large Cities Called
to Washington.

TO INCREASE FACILITIES

Additional Space Must Be Had.
Even at Cost of New
Buildings.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau.
Washington, D. C., March 30.

Increased postal facilities for New York city to admit a speeding up of the mail are expected to result from a conference in Washington next Wednesday at the call of Postmaster General Hays. Thomas W. Patton, postmaster of New York, has been summoned to the meeting, which is to be attended also by the postmasters of eight other large cities of the United States.

In announcing the conference Mr. Hays called attention to the fact that New York city's mail service has increased 250 per cent. since 1913, while in that period there has been no increase in facilities for handling the mail. The same number of postal stations remain, although the number of clerks has been increased.

"The most congestion of the mail is at mail centres," Mr. Hays said. "It is therefore a problem for the large cities. Many of the problems are beyond solution of the postmasters because of inadequate facilities. The highest efficiency cannot cure many of the inadequacies. It is our intention to make an earnest study of the problems and to correct the faults wherever found."

The only conclusion that could be reached was that where Mr. Hays found the space for handling mails insufficient a recommendation would be made for more space such as new buildings. This would mean a departure from the policy which has been in effect for a long period, that of attempting no new public buildings. But it would mean construction where it was essential to the public good and not of the pork barrel order.

Mr. Hays had in hand a quantity of figures showing the situation in the New York city post office. The office handles 15,000,000 letters a day, with 650,000 pounds of papers and periodicals. In all there are 325,000 pieces of misdirected mail matter and a considerable portion unaddressed.

The daily receipts in New York are \$146,000, while a total of \$750,000,000 is received or disbursed from the office in a year. A total of \$3,000,000 a year is issued in money orders, while \$135,000,000 a year is paid out in money orders.

PRAEGER RESIGNS HIS OFFICE. Hays Wants \$1 a Year Type of Man as Successor.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Otto Praeger of San Antonio, Tex., Second Assistant Postmaster-General, has resigned. It was announced to-day, and will vacate the office April 1.

Postmaster-General Hays says that Robert M. Ashton, former president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, now in Pasadena, Cal., has been urged for the vacancy left by Mr. Praeger's resignation, and that every effort will be made to "get some man of the \$1-a-year type" for the office which directs the postal post, railroads and ship transport and the air mail service.

MAIL MOVES LEISURELY.

Four and Half Years Consumed in
Travelling Twelve Miles.

SHREVEPORT, La., March 30.—After a lapse of four years and six months, consumed in travelling twelve miles, a letter mailed at Blanchard, La., in October, 1915, was delivered to Harry S. Weston at the Shreveport post office yesterday. It was learned to-day.

The letter was written by A. F. White, Kansas City Southern station agent at Blanchard, and was addressed to Weston. It contained a remittance for lodge dues.

CUBAN ASKS INTERVENTION.

Defeated Candidate for Presidency
Seeks U.S. Supervision of Elections.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Jose Miguel Gomez, defeated Liberal party candidate for the Cuban Presidency, was in Washington to-day to appeal to the State Department for establishment of a provisional government in the islands under an American chief executive, if necessary, to supervise new elections.

In collaboration with Dr. Manuel Rafael Angulo, representative here of his party, the Liberal leader has prepared an extensive protest against the conduct of the recent Cuban elections to be filed with Secretary Hughes this week if he will receive it. No appointment has been made as yet at the Department for this purpose.

EAT OLD ONION CROP, IS PLEA.

Will Be Big Waste if You Don't,
Says Agricultural Dept.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—"Eat onions" was the advice given to the American people to-day by the Department of Agriculture. Unless there is increased consumption of the vegetable, the Department said, there will be a great waste of the old crop, of which there is now an estimated carry over of 2,500 cars. Failure to consume this surplus will mean also a large surplus in the spring crop, which was reported to be from two to four weeks earlier this year than usual.

"If the price to the grower is high enough to warrant shipments under present conditions," the Department said, "probably 5,000 cars of the new stocks will move. Otherwise not only will there be a large surplus of 24 onions, but a surplus of the new stock as well."

CATTLE LOST IN FIRE.

Mystery in Discovery of Dying
Man Near Blaze.

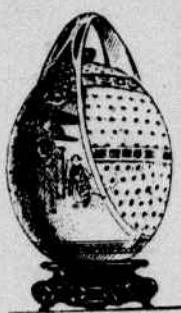
ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 30.—Thirteen head of cattle and two horses were burned last night in a fire which destroyed the barns and sheds on the farm of Charles M. Wood, two miles east of Medina.

Anthony Martin, who was employed to work the farm this year, found Angelo Panbalolo lying in the highway near the site of the fire, dying from the effects of a bullet wound in his body. He held a revolver in his hand, one cartridge having been expended. Whether Panbalolo's wound had anything to do with the fire is unknown, as his death soon followed. An investigation is in progress.

14 KARAT GOLD
Ribbon Bracelet Watches
22.50

Octagon model, fitted with 15-jeweled
lever movement. Also round models,
each with gold color dial.
Main Floor

Things
Decidedly
New!



An Imported
Perfumer

stands upon a prettily carved
teakwood stand and scatters the
fragrance of the rose leaves it
contains through the mesh of
its surface. Of porcelain in
white with handle of gold, upon
which a quaint Oriental rural
scene appears in wonderful col-
orings.

16.50

Main Floor



A Stunning Wrap
of Satin

is for Madame, and takes its
inspiration from a very costly
importation. Exquisitely pro-
duced in navy blue, black or
light shades of satin, the deep
collar, cuffs and back hand-
somely embroidered in self color.
Lined with Pussy Willow silk.

95.00

Fourth Floor



A Slip-on Silk
Sweater Frock

is for Misses

Soft, lustrous silk fashions it,
stripes of light and dark colors
alternate to give it youth. New
shades of coral, delft, rust, pearl,
navy and white, with striping in
contrasting colors.

49.50

Second Floor



A
Green-Gold
Finish
Vanity Case

has been copied from a very
costly gold original. Its odd
design would appeal to the most
critical taste. Contains two coin
boxes, a tiny puff and mirror.

4.50

Main Floor

Saks & Company

Broadway at 34th Street

Specialists in Apparel



1200 Women's Smart Smocks

—all new, and would sell regularly at 5.00 to 7.95

Thursday at 2.95

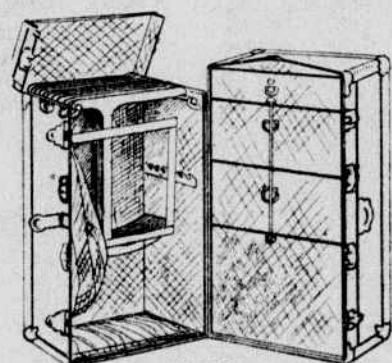
For Summer a smock is indispensable. Here is an opportunity to secure one at a fraction of its real value. Dozens of styles to choose from, with long or short sleeves, pretty little collars or without any collar at all, and trig belts. Made of imported Japanese Crepe, Trouville Cloth, Wonderlin, and Franz linen, exquisitely hand embroidered in colored wool. Every color of the new season. Four styles pictured. Third Floor

The Saks Luggage Department—The Most
Complete In New York—Offers Thursday—

Wardrobe Trunks

Regularly 55.00

At 45.00



\$61.00

Full size wardrobe
trunks, sturdily con-
structed to with-
stand the most se-
vere usage. Open-
top model, with
round edges, snap
lock, heavy draw-
bolts, twelve hang-
ers, five drawers,
and laundry bag.

Steamer Size to
Match.

42.50

Also—Superbly Constructed

Wardrobe Trunks

At 61.00

—Unequaled anywhere for less than 75.00

An extra large wardrobe trunk, fitted with every convenience for traveling. All hangers are highly polished, garment protector keep clothing in excellent condition. All drawers are very large, and a patented locking-bar locks all drawers at one time. We have never seen a better trunk at this price.

Basement.

A Diamond Ring

At 38.50



—as lovely a bit of jewelry as any
woman could want.—a radiant
diamond set in engraved platinum
with an open filigree 14 kt. shank.

Main Floor



JUST RECEIVED

500 Creepers and Rompers

—we shall place them on sale Thursday—

At 2.50

Sturdy, wee creepers and rompers that were made expressly for the hardest scuffling around the floor—or the roughest out-of-door tumble. Of strong little gingham and poplins that they may be serviceable, they boast crispy white collars and cuffs with baby ruffles and exquisite touches of hand embroidery that they may be dainty as well. In blue or pink—some models checked. Sizes 1 to 4.

Other gay little styles, too—from 1.95 to 3.95

Fourth Floor

Handsome

Squirrel
Scarfs

—of choice Siberian
squirrel skins. Smart
choker effects.

12.50 to 75.00

according to the number
of skins used.

Beautiful

Squirrel Stoles

—also exquisite squirrel
capas.

100.00 to 295.00

Sixth Floor



150 Women's Frocks

OF WOOL JERSEY AND TRICOTINE

Formerly \$25.00 to \$29.50

15.95

—those delightfully obliging frocks that
never look mussed no matter how stren-
uously you wear them—

Because the Spring Mode taught these jaunty
little frocks to combine distinction, comfort
and charm, they appear in finely knife pleated
skirts, gay little over-blouses in either surplus
or straight-line effects, and fresh collars and
cuffs of crisp white linen.

In the quiet street shades—navy, tan, black or
brown; and in the gayer sport colors—henna,
green, beige or white.

Fourth Floor

FINE WAVY HAIR

SWITCHES

—to complete the modish coiffure. In
gray and all other shades.

18 inches long 5.95

20 inches long 8.95

Third Floor

MEN'S
Japanese

Crepe Bath
Robe Sets

—made expressly for
Saks and Company

4.95

Cool, easily laundered,
and very serviceable. Set
consists of robe, slippers
and envelope bag to
match.

Smart sport striped pat-
terns in a host of color-
ings alternated with
white.

Fifth Floor

THURSDAY—A VERY IMPORTANT

Sale of Women's

Spring Wraps and Coats

At Much Below Their Actual Value

29.50

Wraps that are softly draped, and prettily stitched or trimmed with braid,
belted styles with kimono or coat sleeves, and an extensive variety of
polo coats—all made with the utmost care. You will just love the fabrics
—soft and wooly, but very light of weight.

Velour de Laine, Wool Poplin, Polo Cloths, and
Overplaids

Many silk lined throughout—others half lined. Sizes 34 to 44.

Fourth Floor

WOMEN'S

"Saksco" Silk Stockings

At 1.75

Made for service, of pure thread silk with
garter top of heavy hile and six thread
toe and heel. Every fashionable color.
All sizes.

Main Floor



Thursday—A Very
Special Sale of

WOMEN'S

Tweed Suits

At 29.50

Tweed suits like these have stepped into the
Spring Mode with all the rough, careless charm
of the country and all the tailored correctness
of the city. And these bring, too, all the fresh-
ness of open roads and fields in their colorings—
Periwinkle Blue, Leaf Green, Hazel, and soft
Heathers.

Straight-line models that can be worn
either with or without a belt—and
achieve smartness either way. All silk
lined, too.

Fourth Floor

WOMEN'S

Pure Worsted Slip-Over

SWEATERS

Thursday at
2.95

Just the right weight for
immediate wear. Quaint
and very youthful model
with smart Cadet neck-
line. Knit in novelty box
stitch with finished bor-
der and braided girdle.

Colors: gray, henna,
black, flame, buff, brown,
and navy blue.

Third Floor



Misses'
and Children's

White Buckskin Shoes

We are now showing on the second floor a most
extensive collection of white buckskin shoes for
children and misses at the lowest prices in New
York. The styles are all scientifically made so
as to allow the natural development of the
child's foot. Both lace and button models.

SIZES

6 to 8 8 1/2 to 11 11 1/2 to 2 2 1/2 to 7
5.50 6.50 7.50 8.50

Second Floor

